PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE of the SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Minutes

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A regular meeting of the Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on Wednesday, **January 21**, **2004**.

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Legislator Jay Schneiderman - Chairperson

Legislator Michael Caracciolo - Vice-Chair

Legislator Cameron Alden

Legislator Angie Carpenter

Legislator Viloria-Fisher

Legislator Ricardo Montano

Legislator O'Leary

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mea Knapp - Counsel to the Legislature

Judith Gordon - Commissioner of Parks

Bill Faulk - Aide to P.O. Caracappa

Sean Clancy - Budget Review Office

Frank Tassone - Aide to Legislator Crecca

Ilona Julius - Deputy Clerk

Roger Podd - County Exec's Office

Tom Donovan - Aide to Leg. Schneiderman

Eric Brown - Aide to Leg. Schneiderman

Fred Drewes - Heritage Trust

All other interested parties

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MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Donna Catalano - Court Stenographer

(*THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:35 A.M*)

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I'd like to call this meeting to order. This is the first meeting of the Parks Committee, Parks, Sports and Cultural Affairs for 2004. I'd like to ask you all to rise and join us for the Pledge of Allegiance. I'll ask Cameron Alden, Legislator Alden to lead us.

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CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I received a note from Legislator Caracciolo that he will be attending, but he will be a little bit late. We do have Legislator Alden, Legislator Carpenter, Legislator Cooper, Legislator Montano and Legislator Fisher here. Legislator O'Leary is not on the committee. That's been changed. Okay. I'd like to -- to start by -- with presentations. We have our Parks Commissioner, Judy Gordon here. Anybody have any questions or if you have a presentation for us?

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

Good morning. Well, I didn't really come prepared for a presentation this morning, but I would be happy to answer any questions that anybody might have about any issues related to the Parks Department.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

What is the status of the County Park in Montauk and the possible encroachment from the airport there? Has that survey been completed?

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

No. The survey has not been completed, Legislator Schneiderman. And we were hoping that we would try to get that done before at least -- or at least get it started before the end of last year. And because all the surveyors are -- there is a list of surveyors that DPW generally goes through in terms of when they want a survey done. And I had requested DPW to do that, and their initial

estimation of what it would cost was \$6000. And I was able to find \$6000 in the Operating Budget in 2003, but they did not, in fact, get the price back from the surveyor until '04. And the price has grown to \$35,000, which I do not have in the budget. So I'm not sure. I have not sent -- I just got that information this week as a matter of fact, and I have not sent that over to the County Attorney's Office.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Seems awfully pricey. Can we get other price estimates from other surveyors?

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

We can ask DPW to do that, yes. I think the reason why the cost was so high was because they felt that there needed to be aerial photos. It was not just on the ground survey. And I think that that's why the price was so inflated. Perhaps if we did an on the ground survey, maybe the cost would come down.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Also in Montauk, the Theodore Roosevelt County Park, the repairs to the building, what's the status?

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

Third House.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Third House, yes.

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

I believe the bid -- the bid went out previously and was in error. And I believe that DPW's latest target date is some time during the month of March of this year.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. And the repairs would happen this summer, is that --

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

Probably, yes. Yes.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. Other --

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Yes. Legislator Fisher.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Hi, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

How are you?

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Commissioner, I was wondering if you could give me an update as to the contract agreement between the Parks Department and the Boys and Girls Club in Setauket.

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

As a matter of fact, we have meeting with them tomorrow morning at 9:30.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. Can you be sure to update me on that.

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

I sure can Legislator Fisher, absolutely.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

It has been ongoing, and I know that there had been some prickly issues that had to be resolved. And I'm hoping we can see a resolution.

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

I know that the agreement that we sent to them, I think that they made substantial changes, which I don't think the County would necessarily be happy with. Hopefully, we'll work those issues out.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Thank you, Commissioner.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Let the record reflect Legislator Caracciolo, Vice-Chair of this committee is now present. Any other questions? Legislator Caracciolo.

LEG. CARACCIOLO:

Thank you. Good morning and Happy New Year.

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

Happy New Year to you too.

LEG. CARACCIOLO:

Commissioner, your predecessor, Peter Scully and I, along with Legislator Cameron Alden, had many conversations with regard to cash controls within the County park system and specifically the beach facilities. And it was interesting to me that after I made a recommendation to Commissioner Scully about two years ago wherein there was no cash control, we just had an attendant who took cash from vehicles that were parking at the facilities. The following year he instituted a cash control system wherein a receipt as per my request was exchanged. And I don't want to put on the record, but I'd like you to research for me what the difference is in receipt collections at County park facilities, both at Comsewogue and at Smith Point for calender years 2000 through two thousand, I believe it would have been two, but we didn't have controls in place and then subsequently to that.

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

Well, we've had controls in place, but we did tighten up controls in January of 2003, and that's an ongoing thing. We have just revised some controls as a matter of fact within the last couple of weeks for the '04 season. And as you know, the Comptroller's Office is also doing an audit after the incident that we had at Smith Point. That is still not completed. But as they've gone along interviewing staff, they've made comments to the staff, and the staff has -- has, you know, taken heed to those comments and, you know instituted controls, further controls as we go along.

LEG. CARACCIOLO:

Within the department -- let me ask you this, within the department who has ultimate responsibility for collection of cash at County Park facilities?

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

Our accounting unit does.

LEG. CARACCIOLO:

Okay. Are these appointed individuals or are these civil service?

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

No, they are civil service people.

LEG. CARACCIOLO:

Okay. Well, it seems to me given what I believe is going to be a rather significant finding, you may want to review the personnel assigned to that unit.

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

I've been doing that. As a matter of fact, I have been doing that. I have to sit here and say that I'm going to ask the County Executive's Office if we can perhaps hire one, perhaps maybe two more people in that office for auditing purposes.

LEG. CARACCIOLO:

Would you provide the committee at our next meeting with the data I've requested?

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

Yes, I absolutely can Legislator Caracciolo. Yes.

LEG. CARACCIOLO:

Thank you very much.

LEG. ALDEN:

Mr. Chairman, I had a couple of questions.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Yes. Legislator Alden.

LEG. ALDEN:

Hi, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

How are you?

LEG. ALDEN:

Good. How are you doing?

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

Good.

LEG. ALDEN:

Did you develop any plans for this year as far as -- and I think we were talking about it for a couple years now, for more electric and water units at our campgrounds? I had a couple of people contact me over the holiday season basically, and say that, you know, that's one of the big things that I think we can improve and we'll end up with a lot more campers, a lot more reservations if we had more. And I think they were talking about Smith Point water and electric units and at a couple of different campgrounds. And they weren't real specific on which campgrounds they were talking about, but the water and electric units seem to be the ones that everybody wants.

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

Yes. Well, as you know, we did that at Smith Point, oh, probably four or five years ago I think was the last big work that was done on the campground at Smith Point. We are right now in the process of doing that at Indian Island for 36 campsites. And I think probably the next place that we would be looking at would be Blydenberg, because we thought we would come to one of the parks on the west end of the County.

LEG. ALDEN:

The reason why I bring it up is I'm -- and I'm not guessing at it, but I'm just trying to use some numbers that we had from, you know, like, previous committee meetings, it might actually be cost efficient or even, you know, a positive cash flow to the County for the improvements that we put in there and the amount of use that we -- it seems like we'll get a lot more, use because you would know the figures better than I would, I think we really book up all those units in

advance, don't we?

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

Oh, Smith Point goes -- absolutely. We take reservations. You can make a reservation 180 days out. So when you back up 180 days from Memorial Day weekend, July 4th weekend, Labor Day weekend, they are absolutely booked solid that far out. And then, you know, maybe there might be some availability on the weekends, but generally they are booked up at least for the weekends.

LEG. ALDEN:

My suggestion would be that that might be something we want to look at and explore.

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

That's something that the department is definitely interested in doing, Legislator.

LEG. ALDEN:

Because even though, you know, you're not considering to do it right now, maybe just throw that into the mix, because it does seem to be cost efficient and actually a positive cash flow.

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

And as you are probably aware, we are -- the department is right now in the process of putting together our Capital Budget request.

LEG. ALDEN:

Thanks.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Any other questions for Ms. Gordon? Thank you. Okay. Let's move on to our public portion. I have one card. If somebody else is here and did not fill out a card, they can receive one at the desk. The one card I have is for Fred Drewes who would like to talk to us about the park in Mount Sinai at the Wedge. So Mr. Drewes, please step forward.

MR. DREWES:

Happy New Year, everybody. My name is Fred Drewes. I have a title that I'm proud of, professor emeritus from Suffolk Community College. And the link to the Community College in myself is in 1988, I took a sabbatical leave that I was always grateful for, and I studied city

planning, because I was teaching a course in human ecology and environmental science. And I knew relatively little about town planning, city planning, even though I had sat on a good number of committees through time.

At that point, I did a study -- an academic ivy study of Mount Sinai and its environment and actually drew up a plan as to what I would like in 1988 Mount Sinai to look like. And I casually -- well, it wasn't really casually, I put down a central park at a place that was Mount Sinai-Coram Road, County Road 83 and 25A. In 1995, the Hamlet Study Committee was done for Brookhaven Town, a bunch of citizens. And the idea of the central park was reaffirmed by the whole committee.

And then in the Year 2000, the Year of the Wedge, I suppose came to be known, and that year I was off bicycling around the world for -- visiting on 44 countries on a ride for the park. And when I came back in 2001, I was so pleased to see that there had, in fact, the County had purchased the Wedge property of 17.4 acres. And I thank you very much for doing that in the past. And what I'm here today is to essentially give you a show and tell and an update of where we are on the park just for your information. Because I think that feedback is important to -- to reaffirm your action and your predecessor's action on the Wedge in the Year 2000.

The park -- the town as you know has an intermunicipal agreement with the County and is proceeding with the park, ballfields and the fencing and the whole landscape of the park is now contoured, the parking lot is in, baseball field, softball field, soccer field is in, play knoll is in, the structure of the amphitheater is sculptured out. And actually, I would invite you for a stroll in the park. If you would care to come up front here and take a look at a model that I created, that would give you a better view of what we are trying to accomplish. So if you want to do that, I invite you to do that. If you don't --

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Is there any way you can position it so that we can see it from the horseshoe?

MR. DREWES:

Oh, sure. Definitely.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Point out some features to us. The trees aren't going to fall over when you turn it over on its side?

MR. DREWES:

No, I went back to kindergarten and learned --

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Fred, before you say anything else, you need to use a mike.

MR. DREWES:

This is north-south. 25A is up on top. The County Road 83 and what used to be Davis Peach Farm is now the Ranch is over here. This is Mount Sinai-Coram Road, and this is the Wedge. At the north, there is a soccer field. One of the things that we suggested to make this park a more people-friendly park rather than just a bunch of ballfields was, for instance, to put a play knoll in. So some of the soil was sculptured from the -- what was once a sod farm. There is now a play knoll, and this time of the year kids will be sledding down it. In the summer time there will be grass there, kids will be rolling on it. At some point in the future, I hope I will be able to sit up there at sunset and enjoy the sunset and maybe a mint julip -- no, no, can't drink on County property.

And at some point what we would -- the Suffolk County owns this recharge basin, New York State owns that recharge basis. Hofstra College has entry into a New York State DOT recharge basin to visit in an ecological study area. We hope in the future to work with the County and the Town Highway Departments to open those areas up into a restoration ecology study where the geology and the hydrology of Suffolk County can be studied by visiting students from High School, Junior High School, grade school or people can wander around.

All the gray that you see are multi-use paths that will be put in this spring or after the weather breaks. And so there is this jogging, walking, kiddie stroller kinds of multi-use path throughout the whole park. A baseball field, softball field, a playground, a demonstration garden that will demonstrate the crops that have been grown historically and are part of our Suffolk County heritage. And I see part of the seal of Suffolk County is a plow. So what we'd like to do is have demonstration gardens that Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, senior citizens, master gardeners and so on can help maintain.

We'd also like to have put in an area a secret garden for children that are no higher than four feet or people who are four feet high or less to wander around and explore and enjoy in casual moments as a different kind of play and a different kind of enjoyment. Playground systems will be for two to five year old or five to 12 year old. Over on this side, what we hope to organize is an Avenue of American trees. This was an idea that came up after 9/11 that in actuality we as a nation have a heritage of sticking together, of volunteerism, of democratic citizenship, and so what we'd like to do is part of that national -- demonstration of national unity is plant -- have planted trees of states that are able to grow in our particular area. And again, that is the theme of the park.

Part of the -- part of the heritage trust would like to see this park dedicated to volunteerism and democratic citizenship, because they are people who volunteer at a whole array of different things. I'm sure people come to you from different organizations, whether it be pin strippers, people who work in hospice, people who work in Boy Scouts or whatever, the list goes on and on as to volunteers. And volunteers, in fact, should have a place to be recognized, and we think this park would be well worth doing this.

Then there is a amphitheater, that is the broad outline is shown. And there's a -- hopefully at some point, we would have a flag and dedication area at the head of the amphitheater. And at the very base, the south most, this is the area that is owned by the heritage trust. And we are -- plan on building a community center that then the activities and the programs of the park that the County bought, the town is developing, and we have a partnership with the town, and some day on the horizon these things -- this is what we hope will come about. I think it's pretty neat. It's kind of thing that is unique because of the fact that there are lots of different elements in the park. It's just not ballfields, it's just not a playground, it's a variety of different things that will bring the community together. It will provide an amphitheater where public gatherings in days of commemoration, days of memories, days of festivals of -- I mean, local festival for local people to enjoy.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Fred, how much of the infrastructure is already in place?

MR. DREWES:

Good question. The infrastructure that's in place is basically the contours of the park are laid out, there's no -- it's all soil, the parking lots are in, the curb is in along -- and the sidewalk that's outside the park along here. The ballfields are in, the fencing for the ballfields are in, the basic structure for the amphitheater is there. And that's it. This spring the town will be putting

in the multi-use paths. They will be -- we just found out there looks like they are in the decision of either sodding the baseball field -- to get a jump on the use of the area, to possibly sod the fields and then have the soil -- as you can see, the soil -- the infields will be soiled clay kind of thing. The irrigation will be going in this spring.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

The town is paying for all that construction.

MR. DREWES:

That infrastructure. The heritage trust will be working to raise money to put in the playground and do the landscaping, and of course, build the heritage center. Those are the challenges that we now have. But it's been a struggle to, you know, move along. It's been a struggle to get the formal agreements that would have guaranteed our position in the partnership within the park.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

The comfort station would go in the --

MR. DREWES:

In the heritage center.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I'll recognize first Legislator Caracciolo, then Legislator Viloria-Fisher.

LEG. CARACCIOLO:

Professor Drewes, it's nice to see that this project which has been in the works for a long time, you mentioned 2000, is finally coming to some type of fruition. For the benefit of the new Chairman, who's also a new Legislator, and others, where was the property that was purchased by the, was it heritage trust -- or I'm trying to remember, the civic association, I guess it was. It's where the comfort station is, it's a one acre piece?

MR. DREWES:

It's a little less than one acre.

LEG. CARACCIOLO:

This is a 17 acre parcel, as I recall, and that one acre was purchased by the Mount Sinai Civic Association.

MR. DREWES:

Right. That was purchased by funds from grant from the state through Steve Englebright primarily, and that's about eight-tenths of acre.

LEG. CARACCIOLO:

So the purpose today of your presentation is to essentially provide us with an update of how this park is finally coming together. And it's nice to see that the town has lived up to its end of the bargain, if you will, because one of the things I've been most critical of is that we sign -- we the County, have signed off in the past on similar arrangements where there are not in place the written agreements to see this type of beautiful projects actually come to pass. So keep up the good work, both you, the trust, as well as Lori Baldesano and the civic association. And make certain also that the Legislator who represents this area, Legislator Losquadro, is constantly in that loop.

MR. DREWES:

Yep. We are informing him. As a matter of fact, first of all, let me just clarify one thing, that the civic association turned the deed over to the land and transferred it to heritage trust. And the heritage trust is a 501 C-3 federally designated not profit organization. And so we then as the heritage trust now is the one in partnership with the town, and so we, I guess -- yeah, this is a show and tell and an update.

LEG. CARACCIOLO:

I appreciate that.

MR. DREWES:

I would also ask you to support us in whatever way you can, the heritage trust, because we have the challenge of raising a million -- we estimate to do the heritage center and do all the landscaping, well over, you know, 1.5, \$1.8 million. It's a challenge, and we are far -- we have a good foundation from the state grants through Ken LaValle and Steve Englebright. And we have -- with your good will maybe in some way if can inform us as to who we might contact to help us move along financially, we would like that input, we would appreciate that input as a not

profit organization. And I -- you know.

LEG. CARACCIOLO:

So the final build-out of this park will be completed when?

MR. DREWES:

As all other projects, when money is --

LEG. CARACCIOLO:

Well, I know the ballfields --

MR. DREWES:

It could be two to three years.

LEG. CARACCIOLO:

The ballfields will be in place you said this spring.

MR. DREWES:

Oh, yeah. The ballfields and the soccer field and the amphitheater, all of that will be there. Hopefully we will be beginning the building in the spring. Okay. That's it.

LEG. CARACCIOLO:

Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator Viloria-Fisher.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

I join Legislator Caracciolo in thanking you for coming and presenting us with this update. Legislator Caracciolo was part of the committee in 2000 when I was Chair of the Parks Committee, and we both at that point commented on this being a model program for our Greenways Active Parkland Program. I did want to also point out that, if I am correct, and Commissioner, you can correct me if I'm wrong, this is one of the Greenways Active Parkland projects where we provided -- the County provided \$100,000 in infrastructure grants. So we

have a little bit of an economic -- other than purchasing the property, we also provided funds to begin the work on the infrastructure. So I did want to let our new Chairperson know we have a very active role in this as a County. It was a struggle at that time. Legislator Caracciolo knows that I -- that we as a committee were very involved in making this move forward. And so it's very satisfying for us to -- especially those of us, and I'm sure Legislator Caracciolo passed that point many times as I do living on the North Shore, the loss of Davis Peach Farm and the farm stand is something that's painful to people who have grown up on the North Shore of Long Island. And to have something like this where that had been or in that area is valuable to maintain our culture and heritage here. So we appreciate your very hard work. And you are one of those volunteers who makes such a difference. Thank you very much.

MR. DREWES:

Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Thank you, Mr. Drewes.

MR. DREWES:

Just for your information, I feel like -- also, there are 11 other Legislators, and I hope to appear maybe at the -- there is a public session; am I right, that I can hold a show and tell just quickly?

LEG. ALDEN:

Three minutes.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Three minutes.

MR. DREWES:

Three minutes? Okay. I'll take those -- you know, at this point in my life, three minutes extends out to a ride.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

It might be more appropriate when the infrastructure is in to let us know. Maybe there will be some sort of event or ribbon cutting. You can inform us of that date. Can I quickly ask our

Parks Commissioner, Ms. Gordon, can you tell me if you know, how much money is left in the park recreational parks portion of the Greenways Fund?

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

For acquisition?

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

For acquisition, right.

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

No, I don't know, Legislator Schneiderman. Perhaps -- and I don't want to necessarily put the Planning Commissioner on the spot when he shows up later on, but he may have an indication. But I think there is still available money.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Thank you. If you find out, update me. I'd appreciate it.

LEG. CARACCIOLO:

Mr. Chairman, along those lines, what I intend to do, one of the first orders of business will be in terms of the Planning Department reporting to Legislature is fund balances for all our environmental acquisition programs, including active parkways. So we'll get that information.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. Legislator Alden had to leave early. Let's move on to our legislation.

LEG. CARPENTER:

If I could just, Mr. Chairman, I think it's important to put on the record that the committee times were changed, because this committee was supposed to be meeting at 9:30, and I know that was a problem for Legislator Alden. He was not able to change a 12 o'clock meeting, so.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I'm sorry he had to leave. I guess I should ask, is there any other public portion? Any other public comments? Okay.

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

1003. T	o reappoint	Fred DeFeis as a	a member of the	Suffolk Count	y Citizens	Advisory
Board fo	or the Arts.	(BISHOP)				

LEG. CARACCIOLO:

Motion.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Second.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. Any discussion?

LEG. CARPENTER:

Actually, I think that's a mistake. If you look at the resolution, this resolution is introduced by Legislator Tonna.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. All in favor? Any opposed? Abstentions? Okay. That's passed and carried. What's the proper -- resolution is **APPROVED.** (**VOTE:6-0-0-1**) (**Not Present; Legis. Alden**)

What's the terminology? Resolution approved. Motion passes. Approved. In the town we said passed and carried. I'll have to get used to the new terminology.

1013. Approving reappointment of John Fritz as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation. (BISHOP)

LEG. CARACCIOLO:

Same motion.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Second.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Motion to approve 1013.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Second.

LEG. CARACCIOLO:

Mr. Chairman, let me just state for the record that I know several Legislators over the years have been active in attending Board of Trustees meetings, most notably former Legislator Fields, Legislator Fisher -- Viloria-Fisher and myself as well as others who I may not have seen on occasions I attended, but I will tell you this, that every time I was present, Mr. Fritz has continually distinguished himself as a member who is actively involved and engaged. And I make that motion with enthusiasm. We need more people like John Fritz.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

I second not only the motion, but the sentiments. As a former Chair of the Parks Committees for a few years, I was a regular attendee at the Park Trustees Meetings, and Mr. Fritz, his devotion and commitment to our parks was apparent at every meeting that I attended. So I proudly second that motion.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? Okay. Resolution is **APPROVED.** (VOTE:6-0-0-1) (Not Present; Legis. Alden).

1027. Establishing a turf policy for athletic fields in Suffolk County Parks. (BISHOP)

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

This one I believe was introduced by Legislator Bishop. I have had a request from the County Executive to table this. I'll make a motion to table. Is there a second?

LEG. CARPENTER:

Second.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. All in favor? Any opposed? Abstentions? Okay. 1027 is TABLED. (VOTE:6-0-0-1)

(Not Present; Legis. Alden)

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Mr. Chairman, with regard to that motion. I'm not certain why the County Executive asked for --

LEG. COOPER:

I think it was actually Legislator Bishop who made the request to table this bill, if I understand correctly.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

The request that came to me was through the County Executive.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Well, whatever the case, there are some questions I have regarding the environmental impact of this particular practice. And so if either the Parks Department --

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

I have questions about it also, Legislator Fisher.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Because it creates impermeable surfaces rather than permeable.

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

I think there are a few issues that need to be discussed.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

There was also no financial impact attached to the resolution either so that will have to be done. Okay. We'll move on to 1029.

1029. Renaming Uniqua Place Park in the Village of Amityville as Maxine S. Postal Park. (COUNTY EXEC)

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Again, the County Executive's Office has asked me to table this so they have more time to look into the issue, so I'll make a motion to table.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Second.

LEG. CARPENTER:

I'm really surprised to hear that there was a request table this, because --

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

Excuse me, Legislator Carpenter, I think it's because we're not sure which parcel it is. It may be a park that we do not own yet. And that's the issue that needs to be worked out. So I think if we just go one more cycle we'll --

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

It may be premature.

COMMISSIONER GORDON:

Yes.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. There was a second by Legislator Viloria-Fisher. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So that is tabled as well. **TABLED.** (VOTE:6-0-0-1) (Not Present; Legis. Alden)

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

That concludes our business. Motion to adjourn.

LEG. COOPER:

Meeting is adjourned.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Meeting is adjourned.

(*THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:11 P.M.*)